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User Manual

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Chapter 1: Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock ***B75M-GL*** motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

In this manual, chapter 1 and 2 contains introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step guide to the hardware installation. Chapter 3 and 4 contains the configuration guide to BIOS setup and information of the Support CD.

Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this manual will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this manual occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock website without further notice. You may find the latest VGA cards and CPU support lists on ASRock website as well. ASRock website http://www.asrock.com
If you require technical support related to this motherboard, please visit our website for specific information about the model you are using.
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1.1 Package Contents

ASRock ***B75M-GL*** Motherboard
(Micro ATX Form Factor: 9.6-in x 8.4-in, 24.4 cm x 21.3 cm)
ASRock ***B75M-GL*** Quick Installation Guide
ASRock ***B75M-GL*** Support CD
2 x Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cables (Optional)
1 x I/O Panel Shield

ASRock Reminds You...

To get better performance in Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit, it is recommended to set the BIOS option in Storage Configuration to AHCI mode. For the BIOS setup, please refer to the "User Manual" in our support CD for details.

1.2 Specifications

Platform	- Micro ATX Form Factor: 9.6-in x 8.4-in, 24.4 cm x 21.3 cm - Solid Capacitors for CPU power
CPU	- Supports 3rd and 2nd Generation Intel® Core™ i7 / i5 / i3 in LGA1155 Package - Supports Intel® Turbo Boost 2.0 Technology - Supports Intel® K-Series unlocked CPU (see **CAUTION 1**) - Supports Hyper-Threading Technology (see **CAUTION 2**)
Chipset	- Intel® B75 - Supports Intel® Small Business Advantage (see **CAUTION 3**) - Supports Intel® Rapid Start Technology and Smart Connect Technology with Intel® Ivy Bridge CPU
Memory	- Dual Channel DDR3 Memory Technology (see **CAUTION 4**) - 2 x DDR3 DIMM slots - Supports DDR3 1600/1333/1066 non-ECC, un-buffered memory (DDR3 1600 with Intel® Ivy Bridge CPU, DDR3 1333 with Intel® Sandy Bridge CPU) - Max. capacity of system memory: 16GB (see **CAUTION 5**) - Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP)1.3/1.2
Expansion Slot	- 1 x PCI Express 3.0 x16 slot (PCIE1: x16 mode) (see **CAUTION 6**) * PCIE 3.0 is only supported with Intel® Ivy Bridge CPU. With Intel® Sandy Bridge CPU, it only supports PCIE 2.0. - 1 x PCI Express 2.0 x16 slot (PCIE2: x4 mode) - 2 x PCI slots - Supports AMD Quad CrossFireX™ and CrossFireX™
Graphics	* Intel® HD Graphics Built-in Visuals and the VGA outputs can be supported only with processors which are GPU integrated. - Supports Intel® HD Graphics Built-in Visuals: Intel® Quick Sync Video 2.0, Intel® InTru™ 3D, Intel® Clear Video HD Technology, Intel® Insider™, Intel® HD Graphics 2500/4000 - Pixel Shader 5.0, DirectX 11 with Intel® Ivy Bridge CPU. Pixel Shader 4.1, DirectX 10.1 with Intel® Sandy Bridge CPU - Max. shared memory 1760MB (see **CAUTION 7**) - Two VGA Outputs: supports DVI and D-Sub ports by independent display controllers - Supports DVI with max. resolution up to 1920x1200 @ 60Hz - Supports D-Sub with max. resolution up to 2048x1536 @ 75Hz

	- Supports HDCP function with DVI port - Supports Full HD 1080p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD playback with DVI port
Audio	- 5.1 CH HD Audio (Realtek ALC662 Audio Codec) - Supports THX TruStudio™
LAN	- PCIE x1 Gigabit LAN 10/100/1000 Mb/s - Realtek RTL8111E - Supports Wake-On-LAN - Supports LAN Cable Detection - Supports Energy Efficient Ethernet 802.3az - Supports PXE
Rear Panel I/O	I/O Panel - 1 x PS/2 Mouse Port - 1 x PS/2 Keyboard Port - 1 x D-Sub Port - 1 x DVI-D Port - 2 x Ready-to-Use USB 2.0 Ports - 4 x Ready-to-Use USB 3.0 Ports - 1 x RJ-45 LAN Port with LED (ACT/LINK LED and SPEED LED) - HD Audio Jack: Line in/Front Speaker/Microphone
SATA3	- 1 x SATA3 6.0 Gb/s connector, supports NCQ, AHCI and Hot Plug functions
USB3.0	- 4 x USB 3.0 ports, support USB 1.0/2.0/3.0 up to 5Gb/s
Connector	- 5 x SATA2 3.0 Gb/s connectors, support NCQ, AHCI and Hot Plug functions - 1 x SATA3 6.0Gb/s connector - 1 x IR header - 1 x CIR header - 1 x Print port header - 1 x COM port header - 1 x CPU Fan connector (4-pin) - 1 x Chassis Fan connector (4-pin) - 1 x Power Fan connector (3-pin) - 24 pin ATX power connector - 4 pin 12V power connector - Front panel audio connector - 2 x USB 2.0 headers (support 4 USB 2.0 ports)
BIOS Feature	- 64Mb AMI UEFI Legal BIOS with GUI support - Supports “Plug and Play” - ACPI 1.1 Compliance Wake Up Events

	- Supports jumperfree - SMBIOS 2.3.1 Support - CPU Core, IGPU, DRAM, 1.8V PLL, VTT, VCCSA Voltage Multi-adjustment
Support CD	- Drivers, Utilities, AntiVirus Software (Trial Version), CyberLink MediaEspresso 6.5 Trial, ASRock MAGIX Multimedia Suite - OEM

Unique Feature	- ASRock Extreme Tuning Utility (AXTU) (see **CAUTION 8**)
	- ASRock Instant Boot
	- ASRock Instant Flash (see **CAUTION 9**)
	- ASRock APP Charger (see **CAUTION 10**)
	- ASRock SmartView (see **CAUTION 11**)
	- ASRock XFast USB (see **CAUTION 12**)
	- ASRock XFast LAN (see **CAUTION 13**)
	- ASRock XFast RAM (see **CAUTION 14**)
	- ASRock Crashless BIOS (see **CAUTION 15**)
	- ASRock OMG (Online Management Guard) (see **CAUTION 16**)
	- ASRock Internet Flash (see **CAUTION 17**)
	- ASRock UEFI System Browser
	- ASRock Dehumidfier Function (see **CAUTION 18**)
	- Hybrid Booster:
	  - ASRock U-COP (see **CAUTION 19**)
	  - Boot Failure Guard (B.F.G.)
	- Combo Cooler Option (C.C.O.) (see **CAUTION 20**)
	- Good Night LED

Hardware Monitor	- CPU Temperature Sensing - Chassis Temperature Sensing - CPU/Chassis/Power Fan Tachometer - CPU/Chassis Quiet Fan (Allows Chassis Fan Speed Auto-Adjust by CPU Temperature) - CPU/Chassis Fan Multi-Speed Control - Voltage Monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, CPU Vcore
OS	- Microsoft® Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP 64-bit compliant (see **CAUTION 21**)
Certifications	- FCC, CE, WHQL - ErP/EuP Ready (ErP/EuP ready power supply is required) (see **CAUTION 22**)

* For detailed product information, please visit our website: http://www.asrock.com

WARNING

Please realize that there is a certain risk involved with overclocking, including adjusting the setting in the BIOS, applying Untied Overclocking Technology, or using third-party overclocking tools. Overclocking may affect your system's stability, or even cause damage to the components and devices of your system. It should be done at your own risk and expense. We are not responsible for possible damage caused by overclocking.

CAUTION!

1. Due to chipset limitations, overclocking is not supported.
2. About the settings of "Hyper Threading Technology", please check page 48.
3. Intel® Small Business Advantage is a customizable platform integrated with IT tools, which helps maximize employee productivity, PC performance, and data security. There are applications including Software Monitor, PC Health Center, Data Backup & Restore, Energy Saver and USB Blocker.
4. This motherboard supports Dual Channel Memory Technology. Before you implement Dual Channel Memory Technology, make sure to read the installation guide of memory modules on page 18 for proper installation.
5. Due to the operating system limitation, the actual memory size may be less than 4GB for the reservation for system usage under Windows® 7 / Vista™ / XP. For Windows® OS with 64-bit CPU, there is no such limitation. You can use ASRock XFast RAM to utilize the memory that Windows® cannot use.
6. Only PCIE1 slot supports Gen 3 speed. To run the PCI Express in Gen 3 speed, please install an Ivy Bridge CPU. If you install a Sandy Bridge CPU, the PCI Express will run only at PCI Express Gen 2 speed.
7. The maximum shared memory size is defined by the chipset vendor and is subject to change. Please check Intel® website for the latest information.
8. ASRock Extreme Tuning Utility (AXTU) is an all-in-one tool to fine-tune different system functions in a user-friendly interface, which includes Hardware Monitor, Fan Control, Overclocking, OC DNA and IES. In Hardware Monitor, it shows the major readings of your system. In Fan Control, it shows the fan speed and temperature for you to adjust. In Overclocking, you are allowed to overclock CPU frequency for optimal system performance. In OC DNA, you can save your OC settings as a profile and share it with your friends. Your friends then can load the OC profile to their own system to get the same OC settings. In IES (Intelligent Energy Saver), the voltage regulator can reduce the number of output phases to improve efficiency when the CPU cores are idle without sacrificing

computing performance. Please visit our website for the operation procedures of ASRock Extreme Tuning Utility (AXTU).
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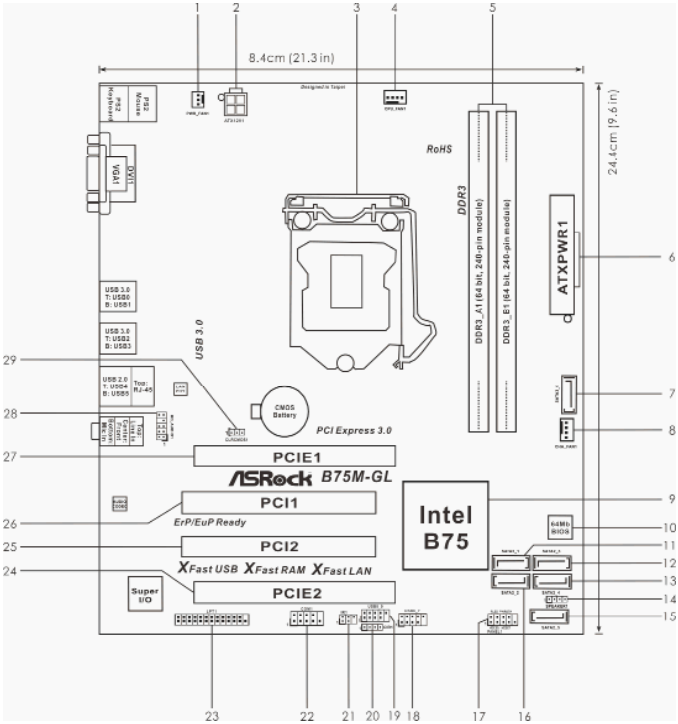
9. ASRock Instant Flash is a BIOS flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient BIOS update tool allows you to update system BIOS without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows®. With this utility, you can press the <F6> key during the POST or the <F2> key to enter into the BIOS setup menu to access ASRock Instant Flash. Just launch this tool and save the new BIOS file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive, then you can update your BIOS only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system.
10. If you desire a faster, less restricted way of charging your Apple devices, such as iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch, ASRock has prepared a wonderful solution for you - ASRock APP Charger. Simply install the APP Charger driver, it makes your iPhone charge much quickly from your computer and up to 40% faster than before. ASRock APP Charger allows you to quickly charge many Apple devices simultaneously and even supports continuous charging when your PC enters into Standby mode (S1), Suspend to RAM (S3), hibernation mode (S4) or power off (S5). With APP Charger driver installed, you can easily enjoy the marvelous charging experience.
ASRock website: http://www.asrock.com/Feature/AppCharger/index.asp
11. ASRock SmartView, a new function for internet browsers, is the smart start page for IE that combines your most visited web sites, your history, your Facebook friends and your real-time newsfeed into an enhanced view for a more personal Internet experience. ASRock motherboards are exclusively equipped with the ASRock SmartView utility that helps you keep in touch with friends on-the-go. To use ASRock SmartView feature, please make sure your OS version is Windows® 7 / 7 64 bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64 bit, and your browser version is IE8.
ASRock website: http://www.asrock.com/Feature/SmartView/index.asp
12. ASRock XFast USB can boost USB storage device performance. The performance may depend on the properties of the device.
13. ASRock XFast LAN provides a faster internet access, which includes the benefits listed below. LAN Application Prioritization: You can configure your application's priority ideally and/or add new programs. Lower Latency in Game: After setting online game's priority higher, it can lower the latency in games. Traffic Shaping: You can watch Youtube HD videos and download simultaneously. Real-Time Analysis of Your Data: With the status window, you can easily recognize which data streams you are transferring currently.
14. ASRock XFast RAM is a new function that is included into ASRock Extreme Tuning Utility (AXTU). It fully utilizes the memory space that cannot be used under Windows® 32-bit OS. ASRock XFast RAM shortens the loading time of previously visited websites, making web surfing faster

than ever. And it also boosts the speed of Adobe Photoshop 5 times faster. Another advantage of ASRock XFast RAM is that it reduces the frequency of accessing your SSDs or HDDs in order to extend their lifespan.

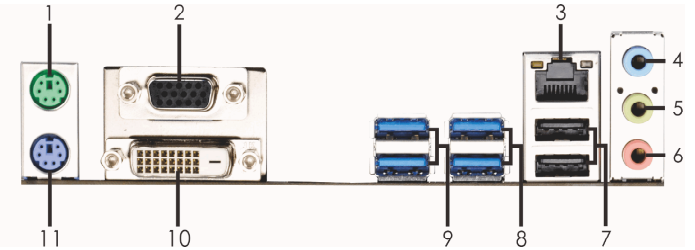
15. ASRock Crashless BIOS allows users to update their BIOS without fear of failing. If power loss occurs during the BIOS update process, ASRock Crashless BIOS will automatically finish the BIOS update procedure after regaining power. Please note that BIOS files need to be placed in the root directory of your USB disk. Only USB2.0 ports support this feature.
16. Administrators are able to establish an internet curfew or restrict internet access at specified times via OMG. You may schedule the starting and ending hours of internet access granted to other users. In order to prevent users from bypassing OMG, guest accounts without permission to modify the system time are required.
17. Internet Flash searches for available UEFI firmware updates from our servers. In other words, the system can auto-detect the latest UEFI from our servers and flash them without entering Windows OS. Please note that you must be running on a DHCP configured computer in order to enable this function.
18. Users may prevent motherboard damages due to dampness by enabling “Dehumidifier Function”. When enabling Dehumidifier Function, the computer will power on automatically to dehumidify the system after entering S4/S5 state.
19. While CPU overheat is detected, the system will automatically shutdown. Before you resume the system, please check if the CPU fan on the motherboard functions properly and unplug the power cord, then plug it back again. To improve heat dissipation, remember to spray thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink when you install the PC system.
20. Combo Cooler Option (C.C.O.) provides the flexible option to adopt three different CPU cooler types, Socket LGA 775, LGA 1155 and LGA 1156. Please be noticed that not all the 775 and 1156 CPU Fan can be used.
21. ASRock XFast RAM is not supported by Microsoft® Windows® XP / XP 64-bit. Intel® Smart Connect Technology and Intel® USB 3.0 ports are not supported by Microsoft® Windows® Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP 64-bit.
22. EuP stands for Energy Using Product, was a provision regulated by the European Union to define the power consumption for the completed system. According to EuP, the total AC power of the completed system should be under 1.00W in off mode condition. To meet EuP standards, an EuP ready motherboard and an EuP ready power supply are required. According to Intel’s suggestion, the EuP ready power supply must meet the standard of 5v, and the standby power efficiency should be higher than 50% under 100 mA current consumption. For EuP ready power supply selection, we recommend you to check with the power supply manufacturer for more details.

1.3 Motherboard Layout



1	Power Fan Connector (PWR_FAN1)	16	SATA2 Connector (SATA2_2, Black)
2	ATX 12V Power Connector (ATX12V1)	17	System Panel Header (PANEL1, Black)
3	1155-Pin CPU Socket	18	USB 2.0 Header (USB6_7, Black)
4	CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)	19	USB 2.0 Header (USB8_9, Black)
5	2 x 240-pin DDR3 DIMM Slots (DDR3_A1, DDR3_B1, Black)	20	Consumer Infrared Module Header (CIR1, Gray)
6	ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)	21	Infrared Module Header (IR1)
7	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_0, Gray)	22	COM Port Header (COM1)
8	Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)	23	Print Port Header (LPT1)
9	Intel B75 Chipset	24	PCI Express 2.0 x16 Slot (PCIE2, Black)
10	SPI Flash Memory (64Mb)	25	PCI Slot (PCI2, Black)
11	SATA2 Connector (SATA2_1, Black)	26	PCI Slot (PCI1, Black)
12	SATA2 Connector (SATA2_3, Black)	27	PCI Express 3.0 x16 Slot (PCIE1, Black)
13	SATA2 Connector (SATA2_4, Black)	28	Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1, Black)
14	Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER1)	29	Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)
15	SATA2 Connector (SATA2_5, Black)		

1.4 I/O Panel



1	PS/2 Mouse Port (Green)	7	USB 2.0 Ports (USB4_5)
2	D-Sub Port (VGA1)	8	USB 3.0 Ports (USB3_2_3)
* 3	LAN RJ-45 Port	9	USB 3.0 Ports (USB3_0_1)
4	Line In (Light Blue)	10	DVI-D Port (DVI1)
** 5	Front Speaker (Lime)	11	PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)
6	Microphone (Pink)		

* There is one LED next to the LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.

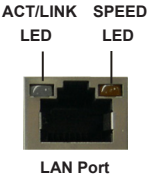
LAN Port LED Indications

Activity/Link LED

Status	Description
Off	No Link
Blinking	Data Activity
On	Link

SPEED LED

Status	Description
Off	10Mbps connection
Orange	100Mbps connection
Green	1Gbps connection



** To enable Multi-Streaming function, you need to connect a front panel audio cable to the front panel audio header. Please refer to below steps for the software setting of Multi-Streaming.

For Windows® XP:

After restarting your computer, you will find “Mixer” tool on your system. Please select “Mixer ToolBox” , click “Enable playback multi-streaming”, and click “ok”. Choose “2CH” or “4CH” and then you are allowed to select “Realtek HDA Primary output” to use Rear Speaker and Front Speaker, or select “Realtek HDA Audio 2nd output” to use front panel audio. Then reboot your system.

For Windows® 7 / Vista™:

After restarting your computer, please double-click “Realtek HD Audio Manager” on the system tray. Set “Speaker Configuration” to “Quadraphonic” or “Stereo”. Click “Device advanced settings”, choose “Make front and rear output devices playbacks two different audio streams simultaneously”, and click “ok”. Then reboot your system.

Chapter 2: Installation

This is a Micro ATX form factor (9.6" x 8.4", 24.4 x 21.3 cm) motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.

Make sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard. Failure to do so may cause physical injuries to you and damages to motherboard components.

2.1 Screw Holes

Place screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.

Do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

2.2 Pre-installation Precautions

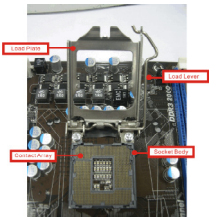
Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any components.
2. To avoid damaging the motherboard's components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle the components.
3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
4. Whenever you uninstall any components, place them on a grounded anti-static pad or in the bag that comes with the components.
5. When placing screws into the screw holes to secure the motherboard to the chassis, please do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

Before you install or remove any components, ensure that the power is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals and/or components.

2.3 CPU Installation

For the installation of Intel 1155-Pin CPU, please follow the steps below.

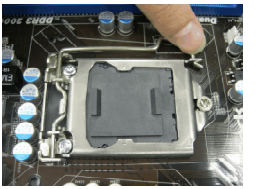


1155-Pin Socket Overview

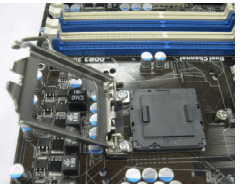
Before you insert the 1155-Pin CPU into the socket, please check if the CPU surface is unclean or if there are any bent pins in the socket. Do not force to insert the CPU into the socket if above situation is found. Otherwise, the CPU will be seriously damaged.

Step 1. Open the socket:

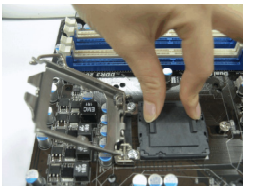
Step 1-1. Disengage the lever by pressing it down and sliding it out of the hook.



Step 1-2. Keep the lever positioned at about 135 degrees in order to flip up the load plate.



Step 2. Remove the PnP Cap (Pick and Place Cap).

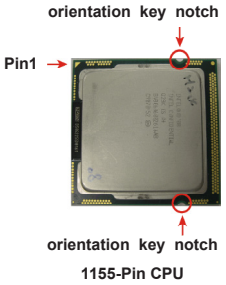


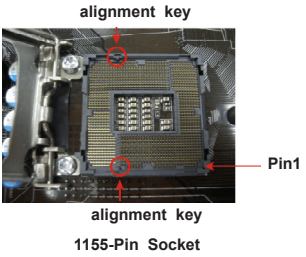
1. It is recommended to use the cap tab to handle and avoid kicking off the PnP cap.
2. This cap must be placed if returning the motherboard for after service.

Step 3. Insert the 1155-Pin CPU:

Step 3-1. Hold the CPU by the edge which is marked with a black line.

Step 3-2. Orient the CPU with the IHS (Integrated Heat Sink) up. Locate Pin1 and the two orientation key notches.





For proper inserting, please ensure to match the two orientation key notches of the CPU with the two alignment keys of the socket.

Step 3-3. Carefully place the CPU into the socket by using a purely vertical motion.

Step 3-4. Verify that the CPU is within the socket and properly mated to the orient keys.

Step 4. Close the socket:

Step 4-1. Flip the load plate onto the IHS.

Step 4-2. Press down the load lever, and secure it with the load plate tab under the retention tab.

2.4 Installation of CPU Fan and Heatsink

This motherboard is equipped with 1155-Pin socket that supports Intel 1155-Pin CPUs. Please adopt the type of heatsink and cooling fan compliant with Intel 1155-Pin CPU to dissipate heat. Before you install the heatsink, you need to spray thermal interface material between the CPU and the heatsink to improve heat dissipation. Ensure that the CPU and the heatsink are securely fastened and in good contact with each other. Then connect the CPU fan to the CPU_FAN connector (CPU_FAN1, see page 12, No. 4).

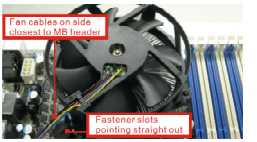
For proper installation, please kindly refer to the instruction manuals of your CPU fan and heatsink.

Below is an example to illustrate the installation of the heatsink for 1155-Pin CPUs.

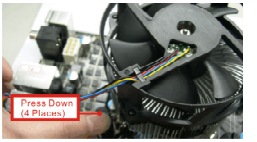
Step 1. Apply thermal interface material onto the center of the IHS on the socket's surface.

Step 2. Place the heatsink onto the socket. Ensure that the fan cables are oriented on side closest to the CPU fan connector on the motherboard (CPU_FAN1, see page 12, No. 4).

Step 3. Align fasteners with the motherboard throughholes.



Step 4. Rotate the fastener clockwise, then press down on fastener caps with thumb to install and lock. Repeat with remaining fasteners.



If you press down the fasteners without rotating them clockwise, the heatsink cannot be secured on the motherboard.

Step 5. Connect fan header with the CPU fan connector on the motherboard.

Step 6. Secure redundant cable with tie-wrap to ensure the cable does not interfere with fan operation or contact other components.

Please be noticed that this motherboard supports Combo Cooler Option (C.C.O.), which provides flexible options to adopt three different CPU cooler types, Socket LGA 775, LGA 1155 and LGA 1156. The white throughholes are for Socket LGA 1155/1156 CPU fan.

2.5 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

This motherboard provides two 240-pin DDR3 (Double Data Rate 3) DIMM slots, and supports Dual Channel Memory Technology. For dual channel configuration, you always need to install two identical (the same brand, speed, size and chip-type) memory modules in the DDR3 DIMM slots to activate Dual Channel Memory Technology. Otherwise, it will operate at single channel mode.

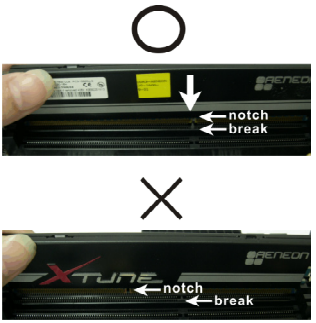
1. It is not allowed to install a DDR or DDR2 memory module into a DDR3 slot; otherwise, this motherboard and DIMM may be damaged.
2. If you install only one memory module or two non-identical memory modules, it is unable to activate Dual Channel Memory Technology.
3. Some DDR3 1GB double-sided DIMMs with 16 chips may not work on this motherboard. It is not recommended to install them on this motherboard.

Installing a DIMM

Please make sure to disconnect power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or the system components.

Step 1. Unlock a DIMM slot by pressing the retaining clips outward.

Step 2. Align a DIMM on the slot such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the slot.



The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

Step 3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the slot until the retaining clips at both ends fully snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.

2.6 Expansion Slots (PCI and PCI Express Slots)

There are 2 PCI slots and 2 PCI Express slots on this motherboard.

PCI slots: PCI slots are used to install expansion cards that have the 32-bit PCI interface.

PCIE slots: PCIE1 (PCIE 3.0 x16 slot) is used for PCI Express x16 lane width graphics cards, or used to install PCI Express graphics cards to support CrossFireX™.

PCIE2 (PCIE 2.0 x16 slot) is used for PCI Express x4 lane width graphics cards, or used to install PCI Express graphics cards to support CrossFireX™.

1. In single VGA card mode, it is recommended to install a PCI Express x16 graphics card on PCIE1 slot.
2. In CrossFireX™ mode, please install the PCI Express x16 graphics cards on PCIE1 and PCIE2 slots. Therefore, PCIE1 will work at x16 bandwidth, while PCIE2 works at x4 bandwidth.
3. Please connect a chassis fan to the motherboard's chassis fan connector (CHA_FAN1) when using multiple graphics cards for better thermal environment.
4. Only PCIE1 slot supports Gen 3 speed. To run the PCI Express in Gen 3 speed, please install an Ivy Bridge CPU. If you install a Sandy Bridge CPU, the PCI Express will run only at PCI Express Gen 2 speed.

Installing an expansion card

Step 1. Before installing an expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.

Step 2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).

Step 3. Remove the bracket facing the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screws for later use.

Step 4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.

Step 5. Fasten the card to the chassis with screws.

Step 6. Replace the system cover

2.7 CrossFireX™ and Quad CrossFireX™ Operation Guide

This motherboard supports CrossFireX™ and Quad CrossFireX™. CrossFireX™ technology offers the most advantageous means available of combining multiple high performance Graphics Processing Units (GPU) in a single PC. Combining a range of different operating modes with intelligent software design and an innovative interconnect mechanism, CrossFireX™ enables the highest possible level of performance and image quality in any 3D application. Currently CrossFireX™ is supported by Windows® XP with Service Pack 2 / Vista™ / 7 OS. Quad CrossFireX™ is supported by Windows® Vista™ / 7 OS only. Please check AMD's website for AMD CrossFireX™ driver updates.

1. If a customer incorrectly configures their system they will not see the performance benefits of CrossFireX™. All three CrossFireX™ components, a CrossFireX™ Ready graphics card, a CrossFireX™ Ready motherboard and a CrossFireX™ Edition co-processor graphics card, must be installed correctly to benefit from the CrossFireX™ multi-GPU platform.
2. If you pair a 12-pipe CrossFireX™ Edition card with a 16-pipe card, both cards will operate as 12-pipe cards while in CrossFireX™ mode.

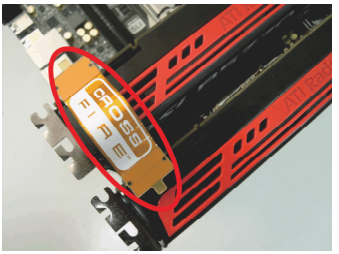
2.7.1 Installing Two CrossFireX™-Ready Graphics Cards

Different CrossFireX™ cards may require different methods to enable CrossFireX™ feature. For other CrossFireX™ cards that AMD has released or will release in the future, please refer to AMD graphics card manuals for detailed installation guide.

Step 1. Insert one Radeon graphics card into PCIE1 slot and the other Radeon graphics card to PCIE2 slot. Make sure that the cards are properly seated on the slots.

Step 2. Connect two Radeon graphics cards by installing a CrossFire Bridge on the CrossFire Bridge Interconnects on the top of the Radeon graphics cards. (The CrossFire Bridge is provided with the graphics card you purchase, not bundled with this motherboard. Please refer to your graphics card vendor for details.)

CrossFire Bridge



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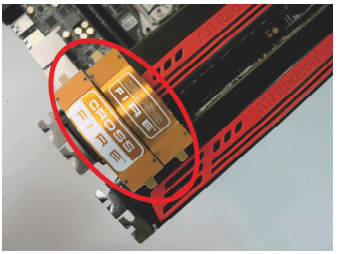


Step 3. Connect the DVI monitor cable to the DVI connector on the Radeon graphics card on PCIE1slot. (You may use the DVI to D-Sub adapter to convert the DVI connector to D-Sub interface, and then connect the D-Sub monitor cable to the DVI to D-Sub adapter.)

2.7.2 Driver Installation and Setup

Step 1. Power on your computer and boot into OS.

Step 2. Remove the AMD drivers if you have any VGA drivers installed in your system.

The Catalyst Uninstaller is an optional download. We recommend using this utility to uninstall any previously installed Catalyst drivers prior to installation. Please check AMD's website for AMD driver updates.

Step 3. Install the required drivers to your system.

For Windows® XP OS:

A. AMD recommends Windows® XP Service Pack 2 or higher to be installed (If you have Windows® XP Service Pack 2 or higher installed in your system, there is no need to download it again): http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/sp2/default.mspx

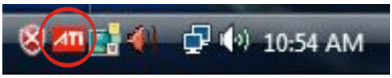
B. You must have Microsoft .NET Framework installed prior to downloading and installing the CATALYST Control Center. Please check Microsoft's website for details.

For Windows® 7 / Vista™ OS:

Install the CATALYST Control Center. Please check AMD's website for details.

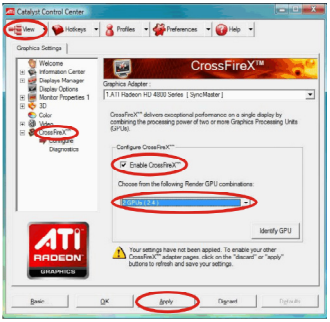
Step 4. Restart your computer.

Step 5. Install the VGA card drivers to your system, and restart your computer. You will find "AMD Catalyst Control Center" on your Windows® taskbar.



AMD Catalyst Control Center

Step 6. Double-click "AMD Catalyst Control Center". Click "View", select "CrossFireX™", and then check the item "Enable CrossFireX™". Select "2 GPUs" and click "Apply" (if you install two Radeon graphics cards).



Although you have selected the option “Enable CrossFire™”, the CrossFireX™ function may not work actually. Your computer will automatically reboot. After restarting your computer, please confirm whether the option “Enable CrossFire™” in “AMD Catalyst Control Center” is selected or not; if not, please select it again, and then you are able to enjoy the benefits of CrossFireX™.

Step 7. You can freely enjoy the benefits of CrossFireX™ or Quad CrossFireX™.

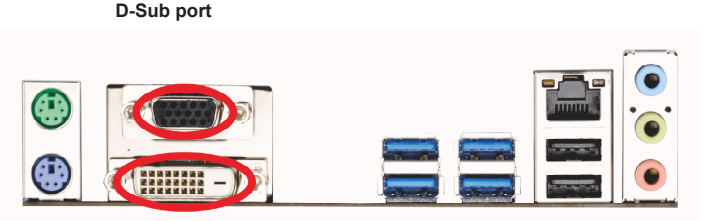
* CrossFireX™ appearing here is a registered trademark of AMD Technologies Inc., and is used only for identification or explanation and to the owners’ benefit, without intent to infringe.
* For further information of AMD CrossFireX™ technology, please check AMD’s website for updates and details.

2.8 Dual Monitor and Surround Display Features

Dual Monitor Feature

This motherboard supports dual monitor feature. With the internal VGA output support (DVI-D and D-Sub), you can easily enjoy the benefits of dual monitor feature without installing any add-on VGA cards to this motherboard. This motherboard also provides independent display controllers for DVI-D and D-Sub to support dual VGA output so that DVI-D and D-Sub can drive the same or different display contents. To enable dual monitor, please follow the steps below:

1. Connect a DVI-D monitor cable to the DVI-D port on the I/O panel, connect a D-Sub monitor cable to the D-Sub port on the I/O panel.



2. If you have already installed the onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system, you can freely enjoy the benefits of dual monitor function after your system boots. If you haven't installed the onboard VGA driver yet, please install the onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system and restart your computer.

Surround Display Feature

This motherboard supports surround display upgrade. With the internal VGA output support (DVI-D and D-Sub) and external add-on PCI Express VGA cards, you can easily enjoy the benefits of surround display.

Please refer to the following steps to set up a surround display environment:

1. Install the PCI Express VGA cards on PCIE1 and PCIE2 slots. Please refer to page 19 for proper expansion card installation procedures.
2. Connect a DVI-D monitor cable to the DVI-D port on the I/O panel, connect a D-Sub monitor cable to the D-Sub port on the I/O panel. Then connect other monitor cables to the corresponding connectors of the add-on PCI Express VGA cards on PCIE1 and PCIE2 slots.
3. Boot your system. Press <F2> or <Del> to enter UEFI setup. Enter “Share Memory” option to adjust the memory capability to [32MB], [64MB], [128MB], [256MB] or [512MB] to enable the function of D-sub. Please make sure that the value you select is less than the total capability of the system memory. If you do not adjust the UEFI setup, the default value of “Share Memory”, [Auto], will disable D-Sub function when an add-on VGA card is inserted to this motherboard.
4. Install the onboard VGA driver and the add-on PCI Express VGA card driver to your system. If you have installed the drivers already, there is no need to install them again.
5. Set up a multi-monitor display.

For Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS:

Right click on desktop, choose “Properties”, and select the “Settings” tab so that you can adjust the parameters of the multi-monitors according to the steps below.

A. Click the “Identify” button to display a large number on each monitor.
B. Right-click the display icon in the Display Properties dialog that you wish to be your primary monitor, and then select “Primary”. When you use multiple monitors with your card, one monitor will always be Primary, and all additional monitors will be designated as Secondary.
C. Select the display icon identified by the number 2.
D. Click “Extend my Windows desktop onto this monitor”.
E. Right-click the display icon and select “Attached”, if necessary.
F. Set the appropriate “Screen Resolution” and “Color Quality” for the second monitor. Click “Apply” or “OK” to apply these new values.
G. Repeat steps C through F for the display icon identified by the numbers three to six.

For Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:

Right click the desktop, choose “Personalize”, and select the “Display Settings” tab so that you can adjust the parameters of the multi-monitors according to the steps below.

A. Click the number ”2” icon.

B. Click the items “This is my main monitor” and “Extend the desktop onto this monitor”.

C. Click “OK” to save your change.

D. Repeat steps A through C for the display icons identified by the number three to six.

6. Use Surround Display. Click and drag the display icons to positions representing the physical setup of your monitors that you would like to use. The placement of display icons determines how you move items from one monitor to another.

HDCP

HDCP is supported on this motherboard. To use HDCP on this motherboard, you need to adopt a monitor that supports HDCP as well. Therefore, you can enjoy the superior display quality with high-definition HDCP encryption contents. Please refer to the instructions below for more details about HDCP.

What is HDCP?

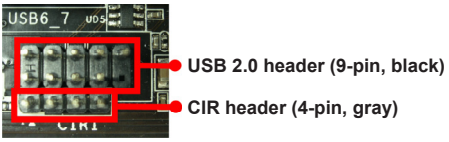
HDCP stands for High-Bandwidth Digital Content Protection, a specification developed by Intel® for protecting digital entertainment content that uses the DVI interface. HDCP is a copy protection scheme to eliminate the possibility of intercepting digital data midstream between the video source, or transmitter - such as a computer, DVD player or set-top box - and the digital display, or receiver - such as a monitor, television or projector. In other words, HDCP specification is designed to protect the integrity of content as it is being transmitted.

Products compatible with the HDCP scheme such as DVD players, satellite and cable HDTV set-top-boxes, as well as few entertainment PCs require a secure connection to a compliant display. Due to the increase in manufacturers employing HDCP in their equipment, it is highly recommended that the HDTV or LCD monitor you purchase is compatible.

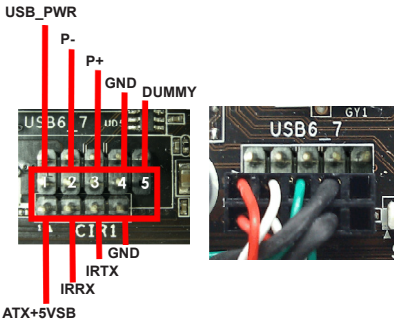
2.9 ASRock Smart Remote Installation Guide

ASRock Smart Remote is only used for ASRock motherboards with a CIR header. Please refer to the procedures below for the quick installation and usage of ASRock Smart Remote.

Step1. Find the CIR header located next to the USB 2.0 header on your ASRock motherboard.



Step2. Connect the front USB cable to the USB 2.0 header (as below, pin 1-5) and the CIR header. Please make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.



Step3. Install the Multi-Angle CIR Receiver to the front USB port.

Step4. Boot up your system. Press <F2> or <Del> to enter the BIOS Setup Utility. Make sure the option "CIR Controller" is set to [Enabled]. (Advanced -> Super IO Configuration -> CIR Controller -> [Enabled])

If you cannot find this option, please shut down your system and install the Multi-Angle CIR Receiver to the other front USB port then try again.

Step5. Enter Windows. Execute ASRock's support CD and install the CIR Driver. (It is listed at the bottom of driver list.)

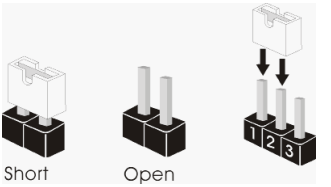
3 CIR sensors in different angles

1. Only one of the front USB ports can support CIR. When CIR is enabled, the other ports will remain USB ports.
2. The Multi-Angle CIR Receiver is used for the front USB only. Please do not use the rear USB bracket to connect it on the rear panel. The Multi-Angle CIR Receiver can receive multi-directional infrared signals (top, down and front), which is compatible with most of the chassis on the market.
3. The Multi-Angle CIR Receiver does not support Hot-Plug. Please install it before you boot the system.

* ASRock Smart Remote is only supported by some ASRock motherboards. Please refer to ASRock's website for the motherboard support list: http://www.asrock.com

2.10 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Short”. If no jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Open”. The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are “Short” when jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



Jumper	Setting	Description
Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1) (see p.12, No. 29)	1_2 Default; 2_3 Clear CMOS	

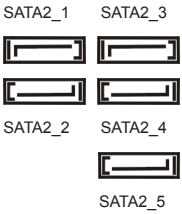
Note: CLRCMOS1 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short pin2 and pin3 on CLRCMOS1 for 5 seconds. However, please do not clear the CMOS right after you update the BIOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action. Please be noted that the password, date, time, user default profile, 1394 GUID and MAC address will be cleared only if the CMOS battery is removed.

2.11 Onboard Headers and Connectors

Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage of the motherboard!

Serial ATA2 Connectors

(SATA2_1: see p.12, No. 11)
(SATA2_2: see p.12, No. 16)
(SATA2_3: see p.12, No. 12)
(SATA2_4: see p.12, No. 13)
(SATA2_5: see p.12, No. 15)



These five Serial ATA2 (SATA2) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATA2 interface allows up to 3.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

Serial ATA3 Connectors

(SATA3_0: see p.12, No. 7)

This Serial ATA3 (SATA3) connector supports SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATA3 interface allows up to 6.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable

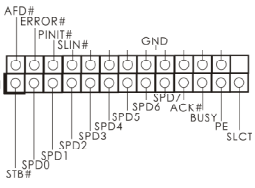
(Optional)

Either end of the SATA data cable can be connected to the SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 hard disk or the SATA2 / SATA3 connector on this motherboard.

Print Port Header

(25-pin LPT1)

(see p.12, No. 23)

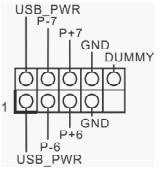


This is an interface for print port cable that allows convenient connection of printer devices.

USB 2.0 Headers

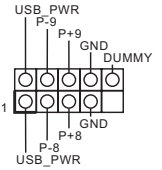
(9-pin USB6_7)

(see p.12, No. 18)



(9-pin USB8_9)

(see p.12, No. 19)

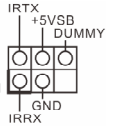


Besides two default USB 2.0 ports on the I/O panel, there are two USB 2.0 headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two USB 2.0 ports.

Infrared Module Header

(5-pin IR1)

(see p.12, No. 21)

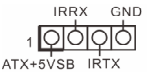


This header supports an optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module.

Consumer Infrared Module Header

(4-pin CIR1)

(see p.12, No. 20)

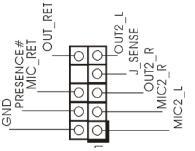


This header can be used to connect the remote controller receiver.

Front Panel Audio Header

(9-pin HD_AUDIO1)

(see p.12, No. 28)



This is an interface for front panel audio cable that allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.

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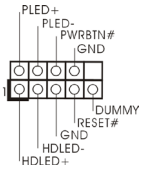
1. High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instructions in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.
2. If you use an AC'97 audio panel, please install it to the front panel audio header by the steps below:
   A. Connect Mic_IN (MIC) to MIC2_L.
   B. Connect Audio_R (RIN) to OUT2_R and Audio_L (LIN) to OUT2_L.
   C. Connect Ground (GND) to Ground (GND).
   D. MIC_RET and OUT_RET are for HD audio panel only. You don't need to connect them for AC'97 audio panel.

E. To activate the front mic.
For Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS:
Select “Mixer”. Select “Recorder”. Then click “FrontMic”.
For Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:
Go to the “FrontMic” Tab in the Realtek Control panel. Adjust “Recording Volume”.

System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.12, No. 17)



This header accommodates several system front panel functions.

Connect the power switch, reset switch and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.

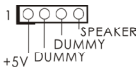
PWRBTN (Power Switch):
Connect to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch.
RESET (Reset Switch):
Connect to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.
PLED (System Power LED):
Connect to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking when the system is in S1/S3 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).
HDLED (Hard Drive Activity LED):
Connect to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assign-ments are matched correctly.

Chassis Speaker Header

(4-pin SPEAKER 1)

(see p.12, No. 14)

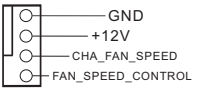


Please connect the chassis speaker to this header.

Chassis and Power Fan Connectors

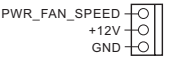
(4-pin CHA_FAN1)

(see p.12, No. 8)



(3-pin PWR_FAN1)

(see p.12, No. 1)

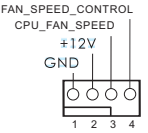


Please connect the fan cables to the fan connectors and match the black wire to the ground pin. CHA_FAN1 supports Fan Control.

CPU Fan Connectors

(4-pin CPU_FAN1)

(see p.12, No. 4)



Please connect the CPU fan cable to the connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

Though this motherboard provides 4-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) support, the 3-Pin CPU fan still can work successfully even without the fan speed control function. If you plan to connect the 3-Pin CPU fan to the CPU fan connector on this motherboard, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

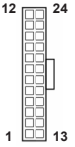
Pin 1-3 Connected

3-Pin Fan Installation

ATX Power Connector

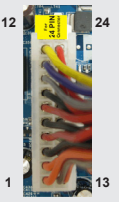
(24-pin ATXPWR1)

(see p.12, No. 6)



Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector.

Though this motherboard provides 24-pin ATX power connector, it can still work if you adopt a traditional 20-pin ATX power supply. To use the 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with Pin 1 and Pin 13.



20-Pin ATX Power Supply Installation

ATX 12V Power Connector

(4-pin ATX12V1)

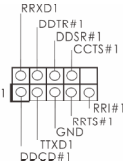
(see p.12, No. 2)

Please connect an ATX 12V power supply to this connector.

Serial port Header

(9-pin COM1)

(see p.12, No. 22)



This COM1 header supports a serial port module.

2.12 Serial ATA (SATA) / Serial ATA2 (SATA2) Hard Disks Installation

This motherboard adopts Intel® B75 chipset that supports Serial ATA (SATA) / Serial ATA2 (SATA2) hard disks. You may install SATA / SATA2 hard disks on this motherboard for internal storage devices. This section will guide you to install the SATA / SATA2 hard disks.

STEP 1: Install the SATA / SATA2 hard disks into the drive bays of your chassis.
STEP 2: Connect the SATA power cable to the SATA / SATA2 hard disk.
STEP 3: Connect one end of the SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATA2 connector.
STEP 4: Connect the other end of the SATA data cable to the SATA / SATA2 hard disk.

2.13 Serial ATA3 (SATA3) Hard Disks Installation

This motherboard adopts Intel® B75 chipset that supports Serial ATA3 (SATA3) hard disks for the SATA3_0 connector. You may install a SATA3 hard disk on this motherboard for internal storage. This section will guide you to install the SATA3 hard disk.

STEP 1: Install the SATA3 hard disk into the drive bays of your chassis.
STEP 2: Connect the SATA power cable to the SATA3 hard disk.
STEP 3: Connect one end of the SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATA3 connector.
STEP 4: Connect the other end of the SATA data cable to the SATA3 hard disk.

2.14 Hot Plug for SATA / SATA2 HDDs

This motherboard supports Hot Plug for SATA / SATA2 in AHCI mode. The Intel® B75 chipset provides hardware support for Advanced Host controller Interface (AHCI), a new programming interface for SATA host controllers developed through a joint industry effort.

NOTE

What is Hot Plug Function?

If the SATA / SATA2 HDDs are NOT set for RAID configuration, it is called “Hot Plug” for the action to insert and remove the SATA / SATA2 HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition.

However, please note that it cannot perform Hot Plug if the OS has been installed into the SATA / SATA2 HDD.

2.15 Hot Plug for SATA3 HDDs

This motherboard supports Hot Plug for SATA3 in AHCI mode. The Intel® B75 chipset provides hardware support for Advanced Host controller Interface (AHCI), a new programming interface for SATA host controllers developed through a joint industry effort.

NOTE

What is Hot Plug Function?

If the SATA3 HDDs are NOT set for RAID configuration, it is called “Hot Plug” for the action to insert and remove the SATA3 HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition.

However, please note that it cannot perform Hot Plug if the OS has been installed into the SATA3 HDD.

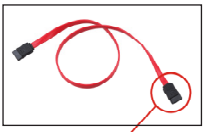
2.16 SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD Hot Plug Feature and Operation Guide

This motherboard supports Hot Plug feature for SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD in AHCI mode. Please read below operation guide of Hot Plug feature carefully. Before you process the SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD Hot Plug, please check below cable accessories from the motherboard gift box pack.

A. 7-pin SATA data cable

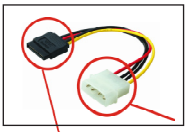
B. SATA power cable with SATA 15-pin power connector interface

A. SATA data cable (Red)



SATA 7-pin connector

B. SATA power cable



The SATA 15-pin power connector (Black) connect to SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD

1x4-pin conventional power connector (White) connect to power supply

Caution

1. Without SATA 15-pin power connector interface, the SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 Hot Plug cannot be processed.
2. Even some SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDDs provide both SATA 15-pin power connector and IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interfaces, the IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interface is definitely not able to support Hot Plug and will cause the HDD damage and data loss.

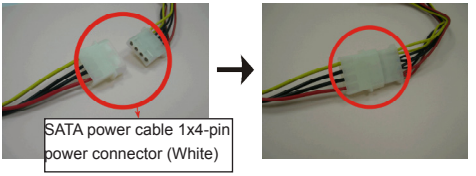
Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:

1. Below operation procedure is designed only for our motherboard, which supports SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD Hot Plug.
   * The SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 Hot Plug feature might not be supported by the chipset because of its limitation, the SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 Hot Plug support information of our motherboard is indicated in the product spec on our website: www.asrock.com
2. Make sure your SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD can support Hot Plug function from your dealer or HDD user manual. The SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD, which cannot support Hot Plug function, will be damaged under the Hot Plug operation.
3. Please make sure the SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 driver is installed into system properly. The latest SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 driver is available on our support website: www.asrock.com
4. Make sure to use the SATA power cable & data cable, which are from our motherboard package.
5. Please follow below instructions step by step to reduce the risk of HDD crash or data loss.

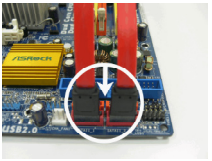
How to Hot Plug a SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD:

Points of attention, before you process Hot Plug:
Please follow the instructions below to process Hot Plug, improper procedure will cause the SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD damage and data loss.

Step *1* Please connect a SATA power cable's 1x4-pin end (White) to the power supply's 1x4-pin cable.



Step *2* Connect SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATA2 / SATA3 connector.



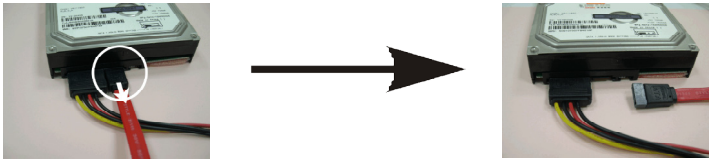
Step *3* Connect SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) end to SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD.

Step *4* Connect SATA data cable to the SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD.

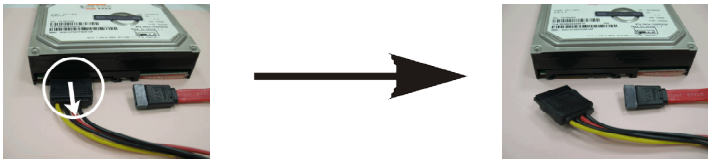
How to Hot Unplug a SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD:

Points of attention, before you process the Hot Unplug:
Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Unplug, improper procedure will cause the SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD damage and data loss.

Step *1* Unplug SATA data cable from SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD side.



Step *2* Unplug SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) from SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDD side.



2.17 Driver Installation Guide

To install the drivers to your system, please insert the support CD to your optical drive first. Then, the drivers compatible to your system can be auto-detected and listed on the support CD driver page. Please follow the order from top to bottom to install those required drivers. Therefore, the drivers you install can work properly.

2.18 Installing Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP 64-bit OS on your SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDDs without RAID functions, please follow the procedures below according to the OS you install.

2.18.1 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDDs without RAID functions, please follow the steps below.

AHCI mode is not supported under Windows® XP / XP 64-bit.

Using SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDDs without NCQ function

STEP 1: Set Up UEFI.

A. Enter UEFI SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.

B. Set the option “SATA Mode Selection” to [IDE]. (For SATA2_1 to SATA2_5 and SATA3_0 ports.)

STEP 2: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.

2.18.2 Installing Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDDs without RAID functions, please follow the steps below.

Using SATA / SATA2 / SATA3 HDDs with NCQ function

STEP 1: Set Up UEFI.

A. Enter UEFI SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.

B. Set the option "SATA Mode Selection" to [AHCI]. (For SATA2_1 to SATA2_5 and SATA3_0 ports.)

STEP 2: Install Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

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STEP 1: Set Up UEFI.

A. Enter UEFI SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.

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Chapter 3: UEFI SETUP UTILITY

3.1 Introduction

This section explains how to use the UEFI SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The UEFI chip on the motherboard stores the UEFI SETUP UTILITY. You may run the UEFI SETUP UTILITY when you start up the computer. Please press <F2> or <Del> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY, otherwise, POST will continue with its test routines.

If you wish to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You may also restart by turning the system off and then back on.

Because the UEFI software is constantly being updated, the following UEFI setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and they may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

3.1.1 UEFI Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

Main	To set up the system time/date information
OC Tweaker	To set up overclocking features
Advanced	To set up the advanced UEFI features
H/W Monitor	To display current hardware status
Boot	To set up the default system device to locate and load the Operating System
Security	To set up the security features
Exit	To exit the current screen or the UEFI SETUP UTILITY

Use < ← > key or < → > key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and use < ↑ > key or < ↓ > key to move the cursor up or down to select items, then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen. You can also use the mouse to click your required item.

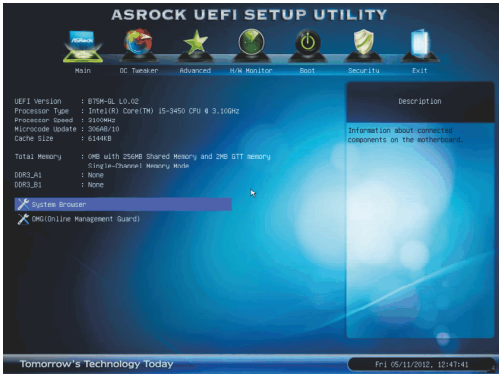
3.1.2 Navigation Keys

Please check the following table for the descriptions of each navigation key.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
+ / -	To change option for the selected items
<Tab>	Switch to next function
<PGUP>	Go to the previous page
<PGDN>	Go to the next page
<HOME>	Go to the top of the screen
<END>	Go to the bottom of the screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F7>	Discard changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY
<F9>	Load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	Save changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY
<F12>	Print screen
<ESC>	Jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

3.2 Main Screen

When you enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY, the Main screen will appear and display the system overview.



System Browser

System Browser can let you easily check your current system configuration in UEFI setup.

OMG(Online Management Guard)

Administrators are able to establish an internet curfew or restrict internet access at specified times via OMG. You may schedule the starting and ending hours of internet access granted to other users. In order to prevent users from bypassing OMG, guest accounts without permission to modify the system time are required.

3.3 OC Tweaker Screen

In the OC Tweaker screen, you can set up overclocking features.

CPU Configuration

CPU Ratio

Use this item to change the ratio value of this motherboard.

Intel SpeedStep Technology

Intel SpeedStep technology is Intel's new power saving technology. Processors can switch between multiple frequencies and voltage points to enable power saving. The default value is [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. If you install Windows® Vista™ / 7 and want to enable this function, please set this item to [Enabled]. This item will be hidden if the current CPU does not support Intel SpeedStep technology.

Please note that enabling this function may reduce CPU voltage and lead to system stability or compatibility issues with some power supplies. Please set this item to [Disabled] if above issues occur.

Intel Turbo Boost Technology

Use this item to enable or disable Intel Turbo Boost Mode Technology. Turbo Boost Mode allows processor cores to run faster than marked frequency in specific conditions. The default value is [Enabled].

Additional Turbo Voltage

Use this item to add voltage when CPU is in Turbo mode.

Long Duration Power Limit

Use this item to configure long duration power limit in watts. The default value is [Auto].

Long Duration Maintained

Use this item to configure time window which the long duration power is maintained. The default value is [Auto].

Short Duration Power Limit

Use this item to configure short duration power limit in watts. The default value is [Auto].

Primary Plane Current Limit

Use this item to configure the maximum instantaneous current allowed for the primary plane. The default value is [Auto].

Secondary Plane Current Limit

Use this item to configure the maximum instantaneous current allowed for the secondary plane. The default value is [Auto].

GT OverClocking Support

Use this item to enable or disable GT OverClocking Support. The default value is [Disabled].

DRAM Timing Configuration

Load XMP Setting

Use this to load XMP setting. Configuration options: [Auto], [Default], [Profile 1] and [Profile 2]. The default value is [Auto].

DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assign the appropriate frequency automatically.

DRAM Configuration

ASROCK UEFI SETUP UTILITY
Main
OC Tweaker
Advanced
H/W Monitor
Boot
Security
Exit
OC Tweaker\DRAM Configuration
XMP 1.2 Profile 1: DDR3-1600 9-9-9-27 1.65V
Description
CAS# Latency (tCL) 9 Auto
RAS# to CAS# Delay (tRCD) 9 Auto
Row Precharge Time (tRP) 9 Auto
RAS# Active Time (tRAS) 24 Auto
Command Rate (CR) 1N Auto
Write Recovery Time (tWR) 10 Auto
Refresh Cycle Time (tRFC) 107 Auto
RAS to RAS Delay (tRRD) 4 Auto
Write to Read Delay (tWTR) 5 Auto
Read to Precharge (tRTP) 5 Auto
Four Activate Window (tFAW) 20 Auto
CAS Write Latency (tCWL) 7 Auto
ODT WR (CHA) Auto
ODT WR (CHB) Auto
Change CAS# Latency(tCL) Value.
Min: 4
Max: 15
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DRAM tCL

Use this item to change CAS# Latency (tCL) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

DRAM tRCD

Use this item to change RAS# to CAS# Delay (tRCD) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

DRAM tRP

Use this item to change Row Precharge Time (tRP) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

DRAM tRAS

Use this item to change RAS# Active Time (tRAS) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Command Rate (CR)

Use this item to change Command Rate (CR) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

DRAM tWR

Use this item to change Write Recovery Time (tWR) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

DRAM tRFC

Use this item to change Refresh Cyle Time (tRFC) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

DRAM tRRD

Use this item to change RAS to RAS Delay (tRRD) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

DRAM tWTR

Use this item to change Write to Read Delay (tWTR) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

DRAM tRTP

Use this item to change Read to Precharge (tRTP) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

DRAM tFAW

Use this item to change Four Activate Window (tFAW) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

DRAM tCWL

Use this item to change CAS# Write Latency (tCWL) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

ODT WR (CH A)

Use this item to change ODT WR (CH A) setting. The default is [Auto].

ODT WR (CH B)

Use this item to change ODT WR (CH B) setting. The default is [Auto].

ODT NOM (CH A)

Use this item to change ODT NOM (CH A) setting. The default is [Auto].

ODT NOM (CH B)

Use this item to change ODT NOM (CH B) setting. The default is [Auto].

MRC Fast Boot

Use this item to enable or disable MRC Fast Boot. The default is [Enabled].

Voltage Configuration

CPU Core Voltage Offset

Use this to select CPU Core Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

IGPU Voltage Offset

Use this to select IGPU Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

DRAM Voltage

Use this to select DRAM Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

VTT Voltage

Use this to select VTT Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

PCH Voltage

Use this to select PCH Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

CPU PLL Voltage

Use this to select CPU PLL Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

VCCSA Voltage

Use this to select VCCSA Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

User Defaults

In this option, you are allowed to load and save three user defaults according to your own requirements.

3.4 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, North Bridge Configuration, South Bridge Configuration, Storage Configuration, Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology, Intel(R) Smart Connect Technology, Super IO Configuration, ACPI Configuration and USB Configuration.

Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

Instant Flash

Instant Flash is a UEFI flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient UEFI update tool allows you to update system UEFI without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows®. Just save the new UEFI file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive and launch this tool, then you can update your UEFI only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system. If you execute Instant Flash utility, the utility will show the UEFI files and their respective information. Select the proper UEFI file to update your UEFI, and reboot your system after the UEFI update process is completed.

Internet Flash

Internet Flash searches for available UEFI firmware updates from our servers. In other words, the system can auto-detect the latest UEFI from our servers and flash them without entering Windows OS. Please note that you must be running on a DHCP configured computer in order to enable this function.

3.4.1 CPU Configuration

Intel Hyper Threading Technology

To enable this feature, a computer system with an Intel processor that supports Hyper-Threading technology and an operating system that includes optimization for this technology, such as Microsoft® Windows® XP / Vista™ / 7 is required. Set to [Enabled] if using Microsoft® Windows® XP, Vista™, 7, or Linux kernel version 2.4.18 or higher. This option will be hidden if the installed CPU does not support Hyper-Threading technology.

Active Processor Cores

Use this item to select the number of cores to enable in each processor package. The default value is [All].

Enhance Halt State (C1E)

All processors support the Halt State (C1). The C1 state is supported through the native processor instructions HLT and MWAIT and requires no hardware support from the chipset. In the C1 power state, the processor maintains the context of the system caches.

CPU C3 State Support

Use this to enable or disable CPU C3 (ACPI C2) report to OS.

CPU C6 State Support

Use this to enable or disable CPU C6 (ACPI C3) report to OS.

Package C State Support

Selected option will program into C State package limit register. The default value is [Auto].

CPU Thermal Throttling

You may select [Enabled] to enable CPU internal thermal control mechanism to keep the CPU from overheating.

No-Execute Memory Protection

No-Execution (NX) Memory Protection Technology is an enhancement

to the IA-32 Intel Architecture. An IA-32 processor with “No Execute (NX) Memory Protection” can prevent data pages from being used by malicious software to execute codes. This option will be hidden if the current CPU does not support No-Excute Memory Protection.

Intel Virtualization Technology

When this option is set to [Enabled], a VMM (Virtual Machine Architecture) can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by Vanderpool Technology. This option will be hidden if the installed CPU does not support Intel Virtualization Technology.

Hardware Prefetcher

Use this item to turn on/off the MLC streamer prefetcher.

Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch

Use this item to turn on/off prefetching of adjacent cache lines.

3.4.2 North Bridge Configuration

Primary Graphics Adapter

This allows you to select [Onboard], [PCI] or [PCI Express] as the boot graphic adapter priority. The default value is [PCI Express].

VT-d

Use this item to enable/disable Intel(R) Virtualization Technology for Directed I/O.

PCIE1 Link Speed

This allows you to select PCIE 1 Link Speed. The default value is [Auto].

Share Memory

This allows you to set onboard VGA share memory feature. The default value is [Auto].

IGPU Multi-Monitor

This allows you to enable or disable IGPU Multi-Monitor. The default value is [Disabled]. If you wish to install a PCI Express card under Windows® XP / Vista™ OS, please disable this option.

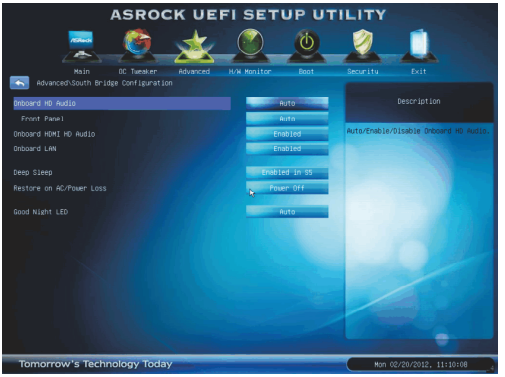
Render Standby

Use this to enable or disable Render Standby by Internal Graphics Device. The default value is [Enabled].

Deep Render Standby

This allows you to enable or disable Deep Render Standby. The default value is [Enabled].

3.4.3 South Bridge Configuration



Onboard HD Audio

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio feature. If you select [Auto], the onboard HD Audio will be disabled when PCI Sound Card is plugged.

Front Panel

Select [Auto] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio Front Panel.

Onboard HDMI HD Audio

This allows you to enable or disable the Onboard HDMI HD Audio feature.

Onboard LAN

This allows you to enable or disable the Onboard LAN feature.

Deep Sleep

Mobile platforms support Deep S4/S5 in DC only and desktop platforms support Deep S4/S5 in AC only. The default value is [Enabled in S5].

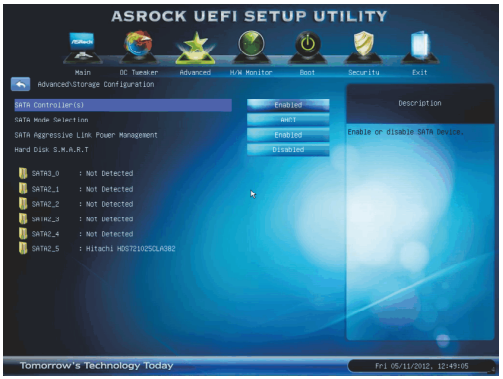
Restore on AC/Power Loss

This allows you to set the power state after an unexpected AC/power loss. If [Power Off] is selected, the AC/power remains off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the AC/power resumes and the system starts to boot up when the power recovers.

Good Night LED

Use this item to enable or disable LAN LED.

3.4.4 Storage Configuration



SATA Controller(s)

Use this item to enable or disable the SATA Controller feature.

SATA Mode Selection

This item is for SATA3_0 and SATA2_1 to SATA2_5 ports. Use this to select SATA mode. Configuration options: [IDE Mode] and [AHCI Mode]. The default value is [AHCI Mode].

AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface) supports NCQ and other new features that will improve SATA disk performance but IDE mode does not have these advantages.

SATA Aggressive Link Power Management

Use this item to configure Aggressive Link Power Management.

Hard Disk S.M.A.R.T.

Use this item to enable or disable the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) feature. Configuration options: [Disabled] and [Enabled].

3.4.5 Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology

Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology. Intel(R) Rapid Start Technology is a new zero power hibernation mode which allows users to resume in just 5-6 seconds. The default is [Enabled].

Entry After

Select a time to enable RTC wake timer at S3 entry. The default is [10 minutes].

Active Page Threshold Support

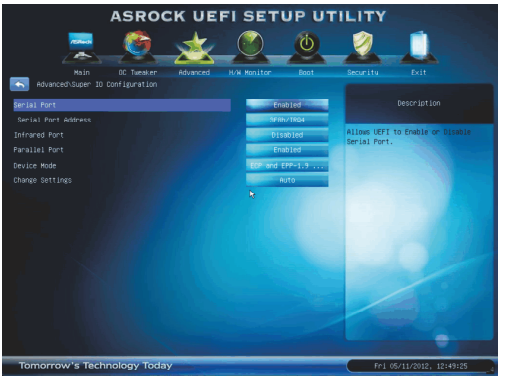
This allows you to enable or disable Active Page Threshold Support. The default is [Disabled].

3.4.6 Intel(R) Smart Connect Technology

Intel(R) Smart Connect Technology

Use this item to enable or disable Intel(R) Smart Connect Technology. Intel(R) Smart Connect Technology keeps your e-mail and social networks, such as Twitter, Facebook, etc. updated automatically while the computer is in sleep mode. The default is [Enabled].

3.4.7 Super IO Configuration



Serial Port

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard serial port.

Serial Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard serial port. Configuration options: [3F8h / IRQ4] and [3E8h / IRQ4].

Infrared Port

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard infrared port.

Parallel Port

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard parallel port.

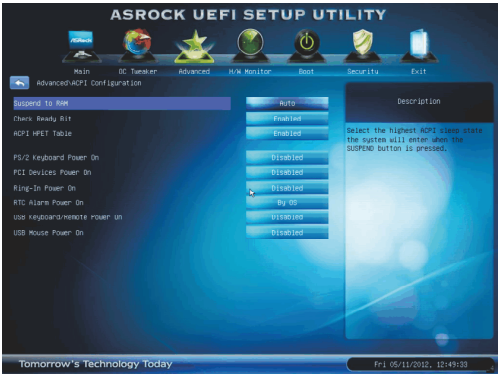
Device Mode

Use this item to change the Printer Port mode.

Change Settings

Use this item to select an optional setting for Super IO device.

3.4.8 ACPI Configuration



Suspend to RAM

Use this item to select whether to auto-detect or disable the Suspend-to-RAM feature. Selecting [Auto] will enable this feature if the OS supports it.

Check Ready Bit

Use this item to enable or disable the feature Check Ready Bit.

ACPI HPET Table

Use this item to enable or disable ACPI HPET Table. The default value is [Enabled]. Please set this option to [Enabled] if you plan to use this motherboard to submit Windows® Vista™ certification.

PS/2 Keyboard Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

PCI Devices Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PCI devices to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

Ring-In Power On

Use this item to enable or disable Ring-In signals to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

RTC Alarm Power On

Use this item to enable or disable RTC (Real Time Clock) to power on the system.

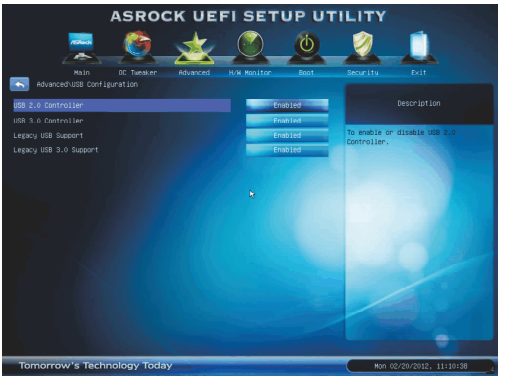
USB Keyboard/Remote Power On

Use this item to enable or disable USB Keyboard/Remote to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

USB Mouse Power On

Use this item to enable or disable USB Mouse to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

3.4.9 USB Configuration



USB 2.0 Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the use of USB 2.0 controller.

USB 3.0 Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the use of USB 3.0 controller.

Legacy USB Support

Use this option to select legacy support for USB devices. There are four configuration options: [Enabled], [Auto], [Disabled] and [UEFI Setup Only]. The default value is [Enabled]. Please refer to below descriptions for the details of these four options:

[Enabled] - Enables support for legacy USB.

[Auto] - Enables legacy support if USB devices are connected.

[Disabled] - USB devices are not allowed to use under legacy OS and UEFI setup when [Disabled] is selected. If you have USB compatibility issues, it is recommended to select [Disabled] to enter OS.

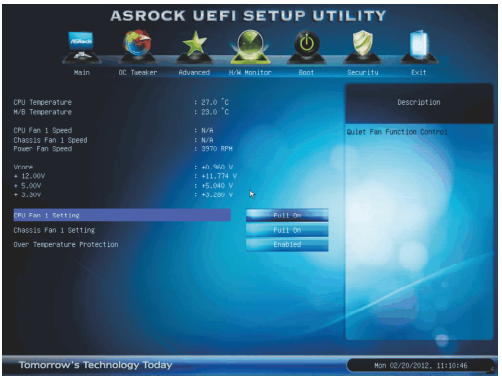
[UEFI Setup Only] - USB devices are allowed to use only under UEFI setup and Windows / Linux OS.

Legacy USB 3.0 Support

Use this option to enable or disable legacy support for USB 3.0 devices. The default value is [Enabled].

3.5 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

In this section, it allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, chassis fan speed, and the critical voltage.



CPU Fan 1 Setting

This allows you to set CPU fan 1's speed. Configuration options: [Full On] and [Automatic Mode]. The default value is [Full On].

Chassis Fan 1 Setting

This allows you to set chassis fan 1's speed. Configuration options: [Full On], [Automatic Mode] and [Manual]. The default value is [Full On].

Over Temperature Protection

Use this to enable or disable Over Temperature Protection. The default value is [Enabled].

Dehumidifier Function

Users may prevent motherboard damages due to dampness by enabling "Dehumidifier Function". When enabling Dehumidifier Function, the computer will power on automatically to dehumidify the system after entering S4/S5 state.

Dehumidifier Period

This allows users to configure the period of time until the computer powers on and enables "Dehumidifier" after entering S4/S5 state.

Dehumidifier Duration

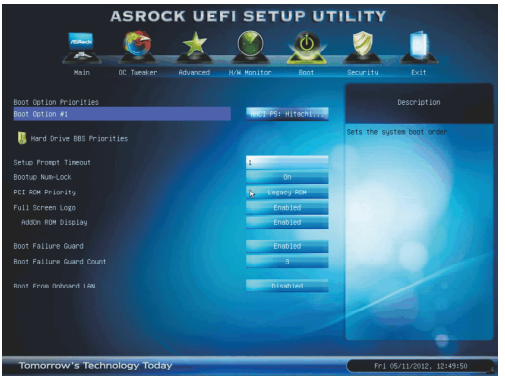
This allows users to configure the duration of the dehumidifying process before it returns to S4/S5 state.

Dehumidifier CPU Fan Setting

Use this setting to configure CPU fan speed while "Dehumidifier" is enabled.

3.6 Boot Screen

In this section, it will display the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.



Setup Prompt Timeout

This shows the number of seconds to wait for setup activation key. 65535(0XFFFF) means indefinite waiting.

Bootup Num-Lock

If this item is set to [On], it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

PCI ROM Priority

Use this item to adjust PCI ROM Priority. The default value is [Legacy ROM].

Full Screen Logo

Use this item to enable or disable OEM Logo. The default value is [Enabled].

AddOn ROM Display

Use this option to adjust AddOn ROM Display. If you enable the option "Full Screen Logo" but you want to see the AddOn ROM information when the system boots, please select [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. The default value is [Enabled].

Boot Failure Guard

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard.

Boot Failure Guard Count

Use this item to configure Boot Failure Guard Count.

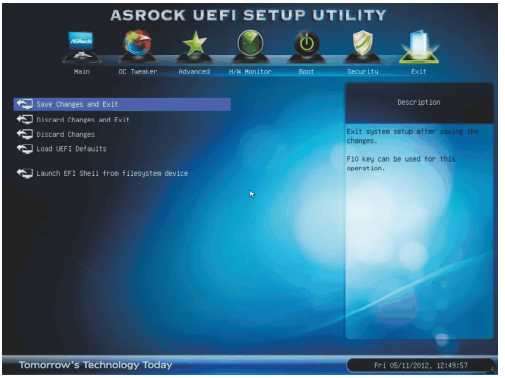
Boot From Onboard LAN

Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Onboard LAN feature.

3.7 Security Screen

In this section, you may set or change the supervisor/user password for the system. For the user password, you may also clear it.

3.8 Exit Screen



Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option, the following message “Save configuration changes and exit setup?” will pop-out. Select [Yes] to save the changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY.

Discard Changes and Exit

When you select this option, the following message “Discard changes and exit setup?” will pop-out. Select [Yes] to exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY without saving any changes.

Discard Changes

When you select this option, the following message “Discard changes?” will pop-out. Select [Yes] to discard all changes.

Load UEFI Defaults

Load UEFI default values for all the setup questions. F9 key can be used for this operation.

Launch EFI Shell from filesystem device

Attempts to Launch EFI Shell application (Shell64.efi) from one of the available filesystem devices.

Chapter 4: Software Support

4.1 Install Operating System

This motherboard supports various Microsoft® Windows® operating systems: 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP 64-bit. Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures in this chapter for general reference only. Refer your OS documentation for more information.

4.2 Support CD Information

The Support CD that came with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard's features.

4.2.1 Running The Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if "AUTORUN" is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu does not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file "ASRSETUP.EXE" in the Support CD to display the menu.

4.2.2 Drivers Menu

The Drivers Menu shows the available device's drivers if the system detects installed devices. Please install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

4.2.3 Utilities Menu

The Utilities Menu shows the application softwares that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

4.2.4 Contact Information

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, you're welcome to visit ASRock's website at http://www.asrock.com; or you may contact your dealer for further information.

Installing OS on a HDD Larger Than 2TB in AHCI Mode

This motherboard adopts UEFI BIOS that allows Windows® OS to be installed on a large size HDD (>2TB). Please follow the procedures below to install the operating system.

1. Please make sure to use **Windows® Vista™ 64-bit (with SP2 or above)** or **Windows® 7 64-bit (with SP1 or above)**.
2. Press <F2> or <Delete> at system POST. Set **AHCI Mode** in UEFI Setup Utility > Advanced > Storage Configuration > SATA Mode.
3. Choose the item **"UEFI:xxx"** to boot in UEFI Setup Utility > Boot > Boot Option #1. ("xxx" is the device which contains your Windows® installation files. Normally it is an optical drive.) You can also press <F11> to launch boot menu at system POST and choose the item **"UEFI:xxx"** to boot.
4. Start Windows® installation.